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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 12, line 24 to page 13, lines 1-4.

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The reading conditions for each frame in the fine scan are set such that the image sensor 34 is saturated at a density which is somewhat lower than the minimum density of each image (frame) using the image data (prescanned data) obtained by the prescan.

Page 18, lines 5-11.

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Next, the operator places the film F onto the carrier 30 and reads the film F with the scanner 12 in the sequence of frames. At this time, first, light is irradiated to the check tape 62 pasted to the extreme end of the film F and the reflected light therefrom is received by the image